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SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The Chair recognizes Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. There has been a couple of questions. Senator Beutler, as I understand it, there is \$1.4 million in this particular fund right now. That has been allocated. That will not be increased. That is already there, so nothing is going to have to be taken away to do this, as I understand it. And the Health and Human Services Department has pledged that they will use this money to the very best way they know how to use this money and, in order to access the Medicaid money, they would be able to do that as a matching with \$1.4 million, and they will stay within that and have every intention of staying within that. And the fiscal note was...it has been made a moot subject at this point because we're not going to be using that as a rule of thumb. And the Health and Human Services Department has pledged that they will keep the monies for...the purpose for which we have allocated it and, at this point, that is all we'll be doing. I don't know that anything has to be given up at this point to make arrangements for that. I would appreciate if everyone would vote for the committee amendments. It does make it cost neutral and keeps the Health and Human Services Department aware of our intent. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Seeing no other lights, Senator Jensen, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments. Senator Jensen waives closing on the committee amendments. The motion before us is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 307. Those in favor say (sic) aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The committee amendments are adopted. Discussion on the advancement of LB 307? Seeing no lights, Senator Suttle, you're recognized to close on the advancement of LB 307. Senator Suttle waives closing. The motion before us is the advancement of LB 307. Those in favor vote aye, those